

# MRS. MOSELEY HOSTESS AT RECEPTION TO-DAY

Will Entertain in Honor of Her Debutante Daughter, Miss Rosa Moseley.

"MEMBERS' DAY" AT ART CLUB  
Dr. Boatwright Will Preside at Interesting Meeting—Bernard Bland and Sisters Guests at Entertainment—Children's Box Party.

Mrs. W. Grandison Moseley, of 1501 Grove Avenue, is giving a reception this afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock at her home in honor of her debutante daughter, Miss Rosa Moseley. Mrs. Moseley and her daughter will be assisted in doing the honors of the afternoon by Mrs. Albert C. Floyd, of Washington.

Thomas S. Moseley, who has been with the British-American Tobacco Company in China for the past five years, has landed in San Francisco, Cal., and is expected in Richmond some time next week. Mr. Moseley will be the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Moseley, on Grove Avenue, upon his arrival here.

Prominent Engagement.  
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Worthington Thompson have issued cards to the members of their daughter, Anne Carter, to Richard Andrew Smith, the ceremony to take place at St. John's Church, Waynesboro, on December 21. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Donald Gwatkin.

Miss Thompson is one of the lineal descendants of "King" Carter and Colonel William Byrd, of "Westover." She has many friends in Richmond, who will be interested in the announcement of her approaching marriage.

Reception for Mrs. Wilcox.  
Mrs. Courtland C. Walton, Jr., has issued invitations to an attractive afternoon reception in honor of Mrs. Westmore Wilcox, of Norfolk, who will arrive shortly to be her guest. The affair will take place at Mrs. Walton's home at Westhampton on Monday afternoon from 5:30 to 7:30 o'clock.

Arrival of To-Day.  
An informal tea will be given by the Dorothea Payne Madison Chapter, Daughters of 1812, to all visiting and host daughters this evening. The affair will be held in the home of the recent Mrs. Christian Clarke, 1605 Park Avenue, from 6 to 7 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all the daughters in the city to attend this affair. For further invitations will be issued.

At the Art Club of Richmond, in accordance with suggestions from members, it has been decided to designate the first Tuesday in each month "Members' Day." On these occasions, at 8 o'clock, the club will hold a regular hour of discussion, the chair will invite discussions by the members on matters of interest to the art-loving public of Richmond. Dr. F. W. Boatwright, one of the directors of the club and a member of the school committee, will be chairman this afternoon, and will lead in the discussion on "Art as an Asset to Richmond."

Members are urged to bring their cards, as the Art Club Tuesday are held in the home of the hostess, who is interested in art and things pertaining thereto. Tea will be served at the close of the afternoon by a committee of junior students.

This evening at Liberty Hall, the Junior Oakwood Memorial Association will give an "Autumn Carnival." There will be booths attractively decorated. The young girls in charge of them will be in carnival costume. There will be dancing throughout the evening, and several solo dances will be given for the further amusement of the guests.

Back from the West.  
Mrs. E. C. Rucker, of 1525 Grove Avenue, has returned from a visit to her brother, J. Henry Meredith, of San Francisco, Cal. Mrs. Rucker also spent some time in Southern California and Mexico before returning to Richmond.

Given Box Party.  
Florence Pizzini, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Pizzini, was the hostess of a delightful box party to which the Seven Sisters of the Strand Theatre guests included Miss Pizzini's little sister, Virginia Dorman, Elizabeth Wallace, Mildred Gates, Florence Talley, Sue Sharp, Elizabeth Watkins, Margaret Walton, Jane Seales, Ruby Bigger, Mary Miller and Marion Harkins.

Concert on December 13.  
On Tuesday night, December 14, at 8:15 o'clock in the assembly hall of the Women's Club of Ginter Park, a concert will be given. Mrs. Clifford M. Miller, who has a charming soprano voice, will be in quartet costume and will sing Scotch and Irish folk songs. Joseph Whittenborn will also take part, and Mr. Weidert will play several selections on the piano. The concert will be for the benefit of the Associated Charities.

The date for the concert, which was to have been given to-day, had to be changed.

Stanton-Whitby.  
The marriage of Miss Kathryn E. Whitby and Randolph Harrison Macdonald, both of St. Louis, Mo., was celebrated on Saturday, December 4, at 11:30 o'clock. The bride and groom have a number of relatives and friends, both here and throughout the State.

Entertained Saturday.  
Bernard Bland and his two sisters were guests of honor at an entertainment given on Saturday at 1202 West Main Street. Games and dancing amused the guests. Those present were: Misses Blaine Thompson, Dora Ford, Hattie Ford, Jessie Parker, Bettie Ford, Alice Paces, Ned Booth and Miss Martin, James Haley, Raymond Hecker, Charles Tenson, L. Paullo, Edward O'Brien, C. Cochran, Mr. O'Keefe, William Grubbs, Emmett Crouch, Russell O'Brien, Bert Butler and others.

IN AND OUT OF TOWN.  
Mrs. Thomas Bolling is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William L. Royall, at 1129 West Avenue, until after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Koehler and Mrs. Frances Koehler have returned to Roanoke, after a brief stay with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson Pollard have returned to Richmond and are now at their home on Stuart Avenue.

W. H. Cosby, of Highland Park, has returned from the home of his brother, Dr. William Lee Cosby, on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, where he has been for a short visit.

Miss Elizabeth Combs, of Kentucky, who has recently returned from an extended stay in Italy, is spending a few days with friends in Richmond.

Miss Annie Quigley, of Washington, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Joseph H. Hulcher, 1015 Floyd Avenue.

Mrs. John H. Lewis, of Lynchburg, will arrive this week to be the guest of Mrs. Robert Pegram, on West Avenue.

Miss Elizabeth Jones has returned from a visit to Norfolk.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS.  
The executive board of the Richmond Education Association will meet to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in Room 16 of the John Marshall High School.

The regular meeting of Lee Auxil-

## SKETCHES FROM LIFE -- By Temp'e



"Gee! Ma—I'm Awful Sick."

lary, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Confederate Women's Home, 3 East Grace Street. A full attendance is desired.

The weekly meeting of the St. Cecilia Chorus will be held in the music-room of St. Paul's Church this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the State Council of Daughters of 1812 at the Jefferson Hotel to-day and to-morrow, beginning at 10 o'clock.

The regular meeting of the Council of Jewish Women will be held to-day at 4 o'clock in the Sabbath school-room of Temple Beth Abraham. The following program will be rendered: "Spirit of the Age," by Mrs. Sally Caud Donaldson; violin solo, Sam Shklar; violin duet, by Sam Shklar and Julius Sackel; social hour.

The regular meeting of the Branch B. Allen Auxiliary will be held at Murphy's Hotel Annex this morning at 11 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the Richmond committee of the National Civic Federation to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock at 107 East Franklin Street, the home of the chairman, Mrs. J. Allison Hodges.

YOUNG VIRGINIAN MEETS HIS DEATH IN FRANCE

H. Ambrose Rucker Is Mortally Wounded While Fighting Others on Battle Field.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 6.—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rucker, prominent residents of Bedford, were notified by cablegram to-day of the death of their son, H. Ambrose Rucker, which occurred in a hospital in France, probably on Sunday, Mr. Rucker received the message shortly before noon to-day, and he immediately notified friends here by wire of the death of his son.

Young Rucker, while a medical student at Vanderbilt University, left Nashville and enlisted in a Canadian regiment with a medical corps last January. He was absent for several months before he advised his parents of his whereabouts. After spending several months in camp service in Canada, the regiment was sent to England, where it had several months' additional camp service, following which it was ordered to Belgium. It was in Belgium the night of November 15 that Mr. Rucker was wounded in the trenches while at work among the wounded soldiers.

Recently the mother of the dead soldier received the following letter from Captain George C. Hale, an associate of Mr. Rucker, who worked with him in the trenches in Belgium, the letter being dated November 15:

"My Dear Mrs. Rucker:  
I am afraid I have bad news for you. Your son, H. Ambrose, was wounded in the head, tonight while helping me with the wounded in the trenches. The

bullet passed through his forehead and it is believed it will prove fatal. He is a patient at the Prince George Hospital.

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## Comedy of Toys Amateur Play for Belgian Relief

This comedy, to be produced by Mrs. Thurston and Mrs. R. M. Blankenship, on Friday and Saturday for the Belgian sufferers, will be one of the most attractive features of the amateur world this winter. The plot is so devised that the different specialties can be introduced to interpret the dream of the toyman's daughter, whose toys and dolls come to life and indulged in a little picnic all their own during the girl's nap.

This child, after her mother's death, in struggling to make both ends meet by mending dolls, waiting on customers and scheming to pay the bills gradually, sinks into slumber, under the influence of the sandman. In her dreams she meets a retired fairy. They mutually comfort one another and out of sympathy the fairy presents the child with a bottle of smelling salts and instructs her in its use.

The toyman's daughter is arrested, and while chained, calls upon the fairy for help. Delighted at the prospect of again exerting her skill, the fairy responds and calls the bells of the toy shop home from the Milky Way. The tickle man in the moon has the heroine marry the hero of the occasion, and everybody celebrates the wedding festival.

At this point the sandman gets busy and sings every one to sleep and death parts. At the psychological moment the child wakes up to find it all a dream.

Many New Dances.  
The scene will naturally be laid in the toy shop and will have, among other features, the latest dance, known as the 1916 fox trot. Those taking part will be Miss Mary Nicholas Alms, Miss John D. Patton, Jr., Miss Rosalie Harwood with Mills Neal, Miss Mary Mack with James Augustine, Miss Jennie Gwatkin with James Gwatkin, Miss Linda Chesterton with Ed Trigg, Miss Marion Purcell with William LaFevre, Mrs. Robert Augustine with Robert Augustine. This dance is under the direction of Mrs. J. S. George, assisted by Miss Lena Miller.

Radically different will be the 1916 one-step, of which dance Mrs. Robert Pegram is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Wilmer and Mrs. Arthur Serivner. The following couples will appear: Miss Maude Abshire, Miss Fitzhugh LaFevre, Miss Louise Wilmer, with William LaFevre; Miss Mildred LaFevre, with Dan Coulbourne; Miss Rosa Moseley, with Stanley Clark; Miss Lucille Tallifer, with Dan Hughes.

Mrs. C. W. Mason, as chairman of a specialty known as the group dance, will present something new, danced by Miss Odessa Brauer, Miss Ida E. Bailey, Miss Ida Cray, Miss Ella Bates, Miss Mary Mason, Miss Marion Simpson, Miss Martha Lee Stevenson and Mrs. Russell Council.

The cane dance is expected to reproduce the latest hit shown at the Winter Garden this winter, known as the jiggle dance. Then Mrs. Wilmer will appear in this dance, among whom will be Crockett Gordon, C. G. Harris, Dan and Clarke Coulbourne, James Augustine, Alfred Smith, Edwin Conquest, James Hutchison, Walter Moore and Herbert Featherstone.

Children Take Part.  
It is reserved for the premiere ballerina, little Miss Estelle Dennis, to produce many new and attractive phases of the Tarpishecan not shown heretofore in Richmond.

The dance of the Jumping Jacks has for its chairman, Mrs. George B. Simpson, and will be executed by Andrew Briggs, Maude Norman, Arthur Cherry, Fred Kellam, Edward Woodfin and Ralph Dennis, Jr.

In the first group of dances, managed by Mrs. H. E. McDaniel, chairman, will appear Louise Blair, Lillian Wood, Helen Monroe, Cynthia Gassie, Ruth Moseley, Elizabeth Moseley, Constance King, Catherine Winkler, Margaret Winkler, Helen Seldon, Nina McDaniel and Lillian Miller.

The program committee, of which Mrs. A. B. Hay is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Charles Fleet, who has composed of Misses Madeline Bigger, Virginia Jones, Martha Mallory, Corbin Spier, Lorretta Gates, Fern Kellam, Louise Tarbrough, Lucy Brown, Tompsey Brown and Miss Driscoll.

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## MRS. J. SKELTON WILLIAMS SPEAKS AT WOMAN'S CLUB

Tells of Art of Monks of Old, Who, With Patient Hands, Illuminated Manuscripts.

With a great deal of charm of manner, Mrs. John Skelton Williams yesterday afternoon at the Woman's Club gave a most interesting lecture on "Illumination." Mrs. Williams is a woman of broad cultivation, as well as an artist of no small talent, and her talk brought to her hearers the atmosphere of dim old monasteries and lost people of vanished dynasties.

The speaker went into delightful detail concerning the illumination of the old manuscripts and parchments, and its ancient beginnings. The mode and process of its accomplishment and the beautiful old Bibles and church histories, which have been preserved in almost priceless collections of to-day, were some of the points brought out by Mrs. Williams, concerning her subject.

The old monks toiling in the workshops of their narrow cells wrought faithfully and well, with only the preservation and spread of God's Word, as they had it as their vision. With delicate touch and patience that knew no weariness, these ancient men gave to the world of art a precious contribution, which has survived the centuries. They plodded through the days, giving their gift to a posterity were never to know; not allowed to sign their names, these unknown craftsmen represented the duties and ideals of men of a by-gone day, who are so well forgotten that their names and graves are almost unknown.

Not all of the work of illumination was done by the monks, but some by wandering artists, of much the same type as the troubadour or knight of adventure. Mrs. Williams related several quaint little stories concerning these men of long ago, which were very revealing in connection with the work they portrayed. Their skill defied modern artists to equal them, and some of the books were the untiring labor of a lifetime.

After 600 years the lives and art strikes a more than an æsthetic chord in the hearts and minds of artistic folk, and the history of dead nations and empires crumbling into dust never ceases to inspire one. Mrs. Williams is a member of the Woman's Club, and at the club yesterday was one of the notable events of the early winter season. Mrs. J. Arthur Lefroy, president of the club, presented her to the large audience present.

NEWS AND OBSERVER.  
MAY BUY BIG BUILDING

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RICHMOND, N. C., December 6.—The News and Observer Company, of which Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels is the principal owner, offered the Capitol Club, of this city, its price to-day for the Capitol Club Building, corner of Main and Salisbury Streets, and there is every indication that a sale will be made. The board of governors decided to-night to take final action. It is an \$80,000 proposition. If the deal goes through the building will be converted at once into a newspaper plant. It is one square nearer the Fayetteville and Martin Street business center than the site of the burned News and Observer Building.

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